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Organization of work

Note by the Secretariat

1. In order to assist the Sixth Committee in the organization of its work, the Secretariat finds it appropriate, in the light of General Assembly resolutions 1898 (XVIII) of 11 November 1963 and 32/71 of 9 December 1977 and of rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to draw the attention of the Sixth Committee to the following.

Items allocated to the Sixth Committee

2. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly decided to allocate 15 items to the Sixth Committee. The list of those items is given in the letter dated 19 September 2001 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Sixth Committee (A/C.6/56/1).

Documentation relating to the items allocated to the Sixth Committee

3. The following table lists the documents of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly relating to the items allocated to the Sixth Committee. It includes references to the reports of commissions or committees and the reports that are to be submitted by the Secretary-General pursuant to resolutions or decisions of the Assembly at preceding sessions, as well as to the documents circulated under the agenda items allocated to the Sixth Committee,[1] in accordance with requests of Member States.

[1] The figure in brackets after the title of each item indicates its number on the agenda of the fifty-sixth session. The list of documents is based on information available as at 20 September 2001.

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	Projected date of issuance
United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [159]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/...)	End October
Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [160]	
Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/291)	Issued
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]	
Report of the Commission, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 17* (A/56/17)	24 September
Report of the Secretary-General on the implications of increasing the membership of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (A/56/315)	End September
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]	
Report of the Commission, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 10* (A/56/10)	End September
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [163]	
Report of the Committee, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 26* (A/56/26)	Early November
Establishment of the International Criminal Court [164]	
Proceedings of the Preparatory Commission at its seventh and eighth sessions (PCNICC/2001/L.1/Rev.1 and Add.1 and 2 and PCNICC/2001/L.... and Add....)	Issued; mid-October

	Projected date of issuance
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]	
Report of the Special Committee, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 33* (A/56/33)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/56/303)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General on the *Repertory of Practice of United Nations Organs* and the *Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council* (A/56/330)	5 October
Measures to eliminate international terrorism [166]	
Report of the Ad Hoc Committee established by General Assembly resolution 51/210 of 17 December 1996, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 37* (A/56/37)	Issued
Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/160 and Add.1)	Issued; mid-October
Letter dated 9 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/69-S/2001/459)	Issued
Letter dated 11 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/72-S/2001/473)	Issued
Letter dated 18 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/78-S/2001/506)	Issued
Letter dated 25 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/80-S/2001/524)	Issued

	Projected date of issuance
Letter dated 30 May 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/81-S/2001/540)	Issued
Letter dated 4 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/85-S/2001/555)	Issued
Letter dated 11 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/91-S/2001/580)	Issued
Letter dated 13 June 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/92-S/2001/585)	Issued
Letter dated 18 June 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/97-S/2001/604)	Issued
Letter dated 19 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/98-S/2001/611)	Issued
Letter dated 20 June 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/118)	Issued
Letter dated 21 June 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/119-S/2001/619)	Issued
Letter dated 2 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/131-S/2001/656)	Issued
Letter dated 3 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/138-S/2001/662)	Issued

	Projected date of issuance
Letter dated 6 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/161-S/2001/673)	Issued
Letter dated 13 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/184-S/2001/696)	Issued
Letter dated 17 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/201-S/2001/706)	Issued
Letter dated 26 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/223-S/2001/737)	Issued
Letter dated 27 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/225-S/2001/743)	Issued
Note verbale dated 30 July 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/226-S/2001/746)	Issued
Letter dated 6 August 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/272-S/2001/768)	Issued
Letter dated 7 August 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/275-S/2001/770)	Issued
Letter dated 8 August 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/280-S/2001/775)	Issued
Letter dated 9 August 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/283-S/2001/777)	Issued

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Letter dated 9 August 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/286-S/2001/780)	Issued
Letter dated 13 August 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/294-S/2001/787)	Issued
Letter dated 27 August 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/324-S/2001/825)	Issued
Letter dated 30 August 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/325-S/2001/834)	Issued
Letter dated 6 September 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/331-S/2001/840)	Issued
Letter dated 10 September 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/346-S/2001/858)	Issued
Letter dated 12 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/350)	Issued
Letter dated 13 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/354-S/2001/866)	Issued
Letter dated 13 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/368-S/2001/877)	Issued
Letter dated 14 September 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/363-S/2001/869)	Issued

	Projected date of issuance
Note verbale dated 14 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/364)	Issued
Letter dated 17 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/367-S/2001/875)	Issued
Letter dated 17 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/369)	Issued
Identical letters dated 17 September 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council (A/56/377-S/2001/885)	Issued
Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167]	
Report of the Secretary-General on the scope of the legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel (A/55/637)	Issued
Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [168]	
Letter dated 14 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/226)	Issued
Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly [170]	
Letter dated 19 June 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/141)	Issued
Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly [172]	
Letter dated 2 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Monaco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/145)	Issued

	Projected date of issuance
Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173]	
Letter dated 24 July 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/191)	Issued
International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings [174]	
Letter dated 7 August 2001 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Missions of France and Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/56/192)	Issued
Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly [176]	
Letter dated 24 April 2001 from the representatives of Bangladesh, China, Colombia, Egypt, the Gambia, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia, Uganda and Zimbabwe to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/241)	Issued

Date for concluding the work of the Committee, order and approximate dates of consideration of items

4. Rule 99 (b) of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that:

> "Each Main Committee, taking into account the closing date for the session fixed by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the General Committee, shall adopt its own priorities and meet as may be necessary to complete the consideration of the items referred to it. It shall at the beginning of the session adopt a programme of work indicating, if possible, a target date for the conclusion of its work, the approximate dates of consideration of items and the number of meetings to be allocated to each item."

5. Bearing in mind the number of meetings available to the Sixth Committee, indicated in paragraph 10 below, it is proposed that the Committee set a target date of 23 November 2001 for the conclusion of its work.

6. The Sixth Committee may wish to consider, for the purpose of adopting its programme of work, the following timetable, which indicates approximate dates of consideration of agenda items referred to it, drawn up on the basis of the relevant General Assembly resolutions as well as previous programmes of work adopted by the Committee:

	Approximate dates of consideration
Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]	8-9 October
Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167]	9-10 October
Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [165]	10-12 October
Measures to eliminate international terrorism [166] (Working Group) (see para. 7 below)	15-26 October
Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-third session [162]	29 October-9 November
Establishment of the International Criminal Court [164]	12-13 November
Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [160]	13-14 November
Observer status for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in the General Assembly [168]	14-15 November
Observer status for the International Development Law Institute in the General Assembly [170]	14-15 November
Observer status for the International Hydrographic Organization in the General Assembly [172]	14-15 November
Observer status for the Community of Sahelo-Saharan States in the General Assembly [173]	14-15 November
Observer status for Partners in Population and Development in the General Assembly [176]	14-15 November
International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings [174]	15-16 November
United Nations Programme of Assistance in the Teaching, Study, Dissemination and Wider Appreciation of International Law [159]	19 November
Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [163]	19 November
Measures to eliminate international terrorism [166]	20-21 November
Reserve	23 November

Establishment of working groups and holding of consultations

7. Concerning agenda item 166, entitled "Measures to eliminate international terrorism", the General Assembly, by its resolution 55/158 of 12 December 2000, decided that the work of the Ad Hoc Committee established by its resolution 51/210 should continue during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly between 15 and 26 October 2001, within the framework of a working group of the Sixth Committee.

8. In view of the limited conference services available to the Sixth Committee, as indicated in paragraph 10 below, any meetings for working groups or for informal consultations would have to be accommodated in place of, rather than in addition to, meetings allocated to the Committee.

Deadline for submission of draft resolutions with financial implications

9. According to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, "no resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General". It is therefore imperative that the Sixth Committee allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimates of expenditure by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and by the Fifth Committee. Under the circumstances, if 23 November is accepted as the concluding date for the work of the Sixth Committee (see para. 5 above), 5 November 2001 would have to be considered as the mandatory deadline for submission to the Fifth Committee of draft resolutions with financial implications.

Conference resources available

10. The available conference facilities will, in principle, enable the Committee to hold no more than 9 plenary meetings per week and the working group referred to in paragraph 7 above to hold 10 meetings per week. Normally, morning meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and afternoon meetings from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

11. In order to avoid difficulties in the organization of services for the meetings of regional groups of the Committee, it is suggested that all requests for such meetings be channelled to the Planning and Meetings Servicing Section through the Secretary of the Committee.